DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Since the hon. Member Sri Seshachariar referred to lack of facilities for baling out water and the consequent delay, I put that question.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There was some lacuna there.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : While the sinking of a number of wells is appreciated, is the Hon. Minister satisfied that these wells are in good condition, that there is enough water which can be used by the people and that the water is not brackish?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It is too vague a question. If the hon. Member has put a question, whether in a particular well in a particular place there is no water or there is only brackish water, then we could look into it. When we have sunk about 1,500 wells in two years, it is presumed that the water is good.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : When I toured along with the Estimates Committee, I heard—I do not know how far it is true—that a particular well was sunk at a cost of Rs. 1,000 or Rs. 1,500, but that there was no water in it. On the day of inspection by some officer, two lorry loads of water were brought and the well was filled up. That is why I put this question so that the Hon. Minister might examine the matter.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the hon Member may pass on the information regarding the name of that place and the well for the scrutiny of the Government.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : வரட்சியாக இருக்கக்கூடிய குடி தண்ணீர்க் கிணறுகளிலே இலவசமாக போர் செட்டுகள் போட்டு தண்ணீர் வரவழைத்துக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? சர்க்காரிடம் போர் செட்டுகள் இருக்கின்றனவா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : இதெல்லாம் குடி தண்ணீர்க் கிணறுகள். இங்கு இருக்கும் கணக்கில் 55 கிணறுகளுக்கு ஹாண்டு பம்புகள் வைத்திருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. மற்ற செட்டுகள் போடப்பட்டதா என்பதற்கு இங்கு ஒன்றும் கணக்கு இல்லே.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : The Hon. Minister has stated that people will have to contribute 25 per cent of the expenditure and that the Government will contribute the remaining 75 per cent. But what about the people who are not able to contribute on account of their poverty?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In the case of backward communities and Harijans, only 10 per cent of the cost need be contributed by them, and this may be done in the shape of labour also.

Remuneration to teachers for cattle census work

* 138 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state with reference to the answer

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given to the Legislative Council Question No. 70 on 29th September 1956—

(*a*) whether the Government have since taken any decision in regard to the payment of remuneration to the teachers of Municipal Schools employed for cattle census work; and

(*b*) if so, whether any municipalities have paid the remuneration and how many?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Government have sanctioned the payment of remuneration to teachers who attended to the livestock enumeration work in this State at the rate of Rs. 20 each.

(*b*) Forty-one municipalities including the Corporation of Madras have paid the remuneration. 3-10 p.m.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether in Srirangam, the municipality has paid it to the teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. They have paid the remuneration to 26 teachers, the amount being Rs. 550.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: I just like to know what the teachers have got to do with cattle census. Was it done with the object that they might get some money or some experience in this work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Although it is cattle census, it is only men that have to do it. It was thought that teachers could do it and, therefore, their services were availed of.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: If I may repeat the question, while others might have been as well utilized for the purpose, in employing the teachers, was it the object of the Government to make them earn some money or was it the idea that this work could be done much more effectively by the teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, normally this work is executed by village karnams. As that was not adequate, the services of the teachers were also availed of.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: I am satisfied, Sir.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Sir, it was said by the Hon. Minister that 41 municipalities had paid the remuneration. I want to know what happened in other municipalities.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Remuneration was paid to teachers of municipalities where their services were requisitioned.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY: ஏன் கால்நடைக் கணக்குகளை வாத்தியார்கள் எடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று உத்தரவு போடப்பட்டது? ஏற்கனவே கிராமங்களில் கணக்குப் பிள்ளைகள், மணியக்காரர்கள் இருக்கும் பொழுது, வாத்தியார்களுக்கு ஏன் அந்த வேலை கொடுக்கப்பட்டது?

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The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைத்தான் நான் ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொன்னேன். சாதாரணமாகக் கிராமக் கர்ணங்கள்தான் இந்த வேலையைச் செய்வார்கள். அவர்கள் போதவில்லை என்ற காரணத்தினால்தான், ஆசிரியர்களும் இந்தப் பணியில் ஈடுபடுத்தப்பட்டார்கள்.

Sri K. V. RAMASWAMY : அவர்கள் பேரில் நம்பிக்கை இல்லையா என்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். அவர்கள் கொடுக்கும் கணக்கு சரியில்லையா ?

Pension to teachers

* 139 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received by the Government about the delay in the grant of pension to teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to the Special Officers of District Boards and Executive Authorities of Municipalities to give high priority to pension applications of teachers and dispose of them quickly.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that more time is taken in the gathering of the particulars and will they simplify the procedure so that even a year before the teacher is to retire, the particulars might be gathered and the pension paid within at least two or three months of his retirement?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : Formerly, the practice was that breaks in service were also taken into consideration and it took a good deal of time to find out the breaks and the reasons for the breaks and then write to Government for condoning the breaks. But now we have passed general orders that all breaks could be condoned and that the actual service could be taken into consideration for calculation of pension. I hope this will facilitate the calculation of pension.

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister enlighten us on how many applications are actually pending at the time in the Education Department?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the figures with me now.

Sri B. K. NALLASWAMI : Sir, the giving of pension itself is prohibited even in cases where there is a break of service due to summer vacation intervening. It was said that there were some applications for condoning breaks. I want to know whether the Government have condoned them.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is what I said now. Now that a decision had been taken in regard to breaks, they need not be condoned, because without taking into account the